GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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REVIEW OF TPDS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted any assessment of the Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) and Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY);

(b) if so, the details and outcome thereof;

(c) whether any inadequacies or deficiencies in the TPDS and AAY have been brought to the notice of the Government in the said assessment; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken/proposed to be taken to address these inadequacies and deficiencies?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. An evaluation study on Targetted Public Distribution System (TPDS) and Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) was conducted through ORG Centre for Social Research, New Delhi.

(c) & (d): The draft report recently submitted by them pointed towards improper identification of families under BPL and AAY, actual scale of issue vis a vis quantity of foodgrains issued to the consumers, degree of diversion of foodgrains, consumer satisfaction level, awareness about identification process and quality of foodgrains distributed at FPSs etc. The report contained a number of deficiencies. ORG has been asked to resubmit the report after modifications.